



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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## ***Maggie Brooks Announces Saturday Passport Hours*** **One Last Chance To Take Advantage of Lower Fees**

Monroe County Clerk Maggie Brooks announced today that the County Clerk's Downtown Office will be open on Saturday, August 17, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to accept U.S. Passport Applications. On Monday, August 19, 2002, the Federal Government will raise the cost of a U.S. Passport -- in some cases, by as much as \$55.

*"By opening my office on Saturday, I hope to give customers one last opportunity to apply for a U.S. Passport prior to the scheduled Federal fee increases next Monday," said Brooks. "I believe that these special Saturday hours will also offer an added convenience for many hard working individuals and families in our community who would like to take advantage of the lower fees."*

Brooks said that her efforts to inform area residents of the impending Federal fee increases and encourage them to apply for a U.S. Passport prior to August 19th have been successful. Since launching her public service campaign on July 15th, which has included radio spots, U.S. Passport applications accepted by the County Clerk have increased 209%.

Proof of Citizenship (a Birth Certificate with a raised seal, a Naturalization Certificate or an Old Passport), Proof of Identity (Valid U.S. Driver License), a Social Security Number and 2 identical Passport Photos are required when applying for a U.S. Passport. Children under age 14 must have BOTH parents appear at the time of application. Children ages 14 to 18 must be accompanied by a parent. If the last name on a parent's ID is different from that of his or her child, additional documentation is required. For detailed information on U.S. Passport requirements, customers are encouraged to visit [monroecounty.gov](http://monroecounty.gov) or call the County Clerk's 24-hour Automated Information Line at (585) 428-5151.

Passport Photos are available in the County Clerk's Office for \$10.00 per set.

### **Special Saturday Passport Hours**

**DATE:** Saturday, August 17, 2002  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Monroe County Clerk's Office  
County Office Building  
39 West Main Street  
Downtown Rochester

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